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1. FOLLOWING IS AMBASSADOR' S OVERALL ASSESSMENT FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AS REQUESTED PARA 1 B REFTEL.

2. SECURITY ASSISTANCE PLANNING, AS REFLECTED IN THE COUNTRY TEAM SUBMISSION OF CASP, POM AND JSOP, RESPONDS TO AND SUPPORTS WHAT WE REGARD AS OUR FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES. AS STATED IN MY OVERVIEW OF THE CASP, THESE ARE TO: (A) PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CREATE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT CAN, IF IT WISHES, CARRY ON A FRANK AND BUSINESS- LIKE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT; (B) DEMONSTRATE OUR RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF CHILEAN SELF- DETERMINATION, WHILE CLEARLY PLACING WITH THE ALLENDENGOVERNMENT THE INITIATIVE FOR ANY ALTERATION OF NORMAL AND CORRECT RELATIONS; (C) INFLUENCE THAT GOVERNMENT TO DISCHARGE ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE AFFECTING PRIVATE U. S. INVESTMENT IN THIS COUNTRY; (D) PRESERVE OUR ACCESS TO AND CONTACTS WITH THE DIVERSE LEVELS OF CHILEAN SOCIETY; AND (E) THROUGH THESE CONTACTS REINFORCE AS MAY BE POSSI-
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BLE THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF DEMOCRATIC PLURALISM IN CHILE.

3. BEYOND THESE CRITICAL OBJECTIVES, THE MISSION PERCEIVES A LONG-TERM U. S. INTEREST IN PRESERVING A RANGE OF RELATIONSHIPS DEVELOPED HERE OVER MANY YEARS. THIS INTEREST CENTERS ON CHILE'S INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS -- ON THE CONGRESS, THE JUDICIARY, THE UNIVERSITIES, THE FREE MEDIA, THE NON- MARXIST POLITICAL PARTIES. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT TO BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO MAINTAIN OUR TRADITIONAL TIES AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHILEAN MILITARY. THE ARMED FORCES ATTACHE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THIS RELATIONSHIP IN TERMS OF THEIR OWN INSTITUTIONAL AUTONOMY. OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR REASONABLE MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS AND OUR CONTINUED TRAINING ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED IF THESE TIES ARE TO PERSIST.

4. ISA'S STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC SECURITY ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES LOOKS SOMEWHAT MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IDEAL, BUT I NOTE OUR POSTURE UP TO THE PRESENT HAS BEEN HELPFUL AND RESPONSIVE -- AND I ASSUME THE STATEMENT IN QUESTION IS NOT INTENDED TO CHANGE IT.

5. ALL MODERNIZATION EFFORTS AND MUCH OF THE MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING REQUIRED BY THE ARMED FORCES MUST COME FROM OUTSIDE CHILE AND WILL REQUIRE GRANTS OR LOANS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT CHILEAN ARMED FORCES PREFER CONTINUED RELIANCE ON U. S. FOR THIS SUPPORT AND THAT THIS RELIANCE WILL BE LIMITED ONLY BY OUR INABILITY TO BE FORTHCOMING WITH REGARD TO MINIMUM MILITARY REQUIREMENTS AS THE CHILEANS PERCEIVE THEM.

6. IT APPEARS THAT MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND OTHER ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ARE EFFECTIVELY SEPARATED. AID MAINTAINS A PEOPLE- TO- PEOPLE PROGRAM FOCUSED PRINCIPALLY ON NUTRITIONAL IMPROVEMENT AND PL-480 TITLE II FOOD DISTRIBUTION. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROVIDING CHILE SIGNIFICANT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BUT NO NEW CAPITAL ASSISTANCE. THE GOC WILL NOT DIVERT HARD CURRENCY IN SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS TO MILITARY PURCHASES BUT WILL INSIST THAT THE ARMED FORCES SEEK GRANTS AND CREDITS WHEREVER THEY CAN FIND THEM, INCLUDING THE USSR OR EASTERN EUROPE IF NECESSARY.

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